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Dear Parishioners,

The three months of Summer have come to an end, our children, teenagers and young adults have returned to school in one form or another, we continue to pray that the Coronavirus



pandemic will soon be over with, plus we find ourselves in a different church and society that we have never experienced before.

As a pastor, I am frequently, if not daily, asked: "Father, how do I cope with all of this?" My response is to simply acknowledge the reality of what has taken place, do well at work and home, and then let God take care of the rest.

A little bit of anxiety and apprehension is actually good; too much of either really is not.

This coming Monday, September 7 is Labor Day in the United States of America. I have chosen to celebrate the Votive Mass of St. Joseph the Worker at 12:15 p.m. Please come and pray for the unemployed, the underemployed, those in between and those who have to discern or discover their vocation, calling, job or ministry in life. I will certainly remember you!

May St. Joseph the Carpenter guide and protect us.

Sincerely in Christ, *Fr. Joe*Fr. Joseph A. D'Aurora
Pastor

First Saturday Mass on September 5 at 8:30 a.m. has been canceled due to a private funeral Mass.



UPDATES FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC: The picnic will be held Sunday, October 4 at the upper pavilion at Glen Maury Park in Buena Vista at 12:30 p.m. Mass will be

held at St. Patrick's at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. At the picnic, masks will be required and social distancing guidelines will be followed. A catered, individually boxed chicken dinner from Kenney's will be provided. *The parish will cover the cost of the lunches*. There will be no pot-luck dishes and no buffet. Attendance is limited to 50. Registration will be required at Eventbrite.com or call the St. Patrick's office at 463-3533.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit in honor of Jack Lamberson.

Friday, September 4

12:15 PM Mary Ann & Dick DeLuca by Fr. Joe - 60th Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, September 5

5:00 PM †Chet Poranski by Rita Poranski

Sunday, September 6

8:00 AM †Beatrice Yoemans by Mike and Sandra Yoemans

10:30 AM †Adele Burleigh by Charles and Vickie Rappold

5:00 PM The People of St. Patrick

Monday, September 7

12:15 PM †James Josephs by Maggie Davies

Tuesday, September 8

7:30 AM †Robert King by Ann Russek

Wednesday, September 9

7:30 AM †Edith Perry by Rita Poranski

Thursday, September 10 – No Mass

Friday, September 11

12:15 PM †Francis and Virginia Heinz by Russ and Mary Stuart Harlow

Saturday, September 12

5:00 PM The People of St. Patrick

Sunday, September 13

8:00 AM Luci Majikas by Bither Family

10:30 AM †Cecilia Harris by Bither Family

5:00 PM †Paul Knight by Phi Kappa Psi

St. Patrick now uses iWave technology which is an air purifying device installed in our air conditioning system. When air passes over the iWave, ions (electrically charged atoms) produced by the device attach to and kill/reduce the pathogens, allergens, particles, smoke and odors in the air, creating a healthy environment without producing any harmful byproducts. The ions also attach to allergens like pollen and other particles, causing them to band together until they are large enough to be caught by our ventilation system's air filters.



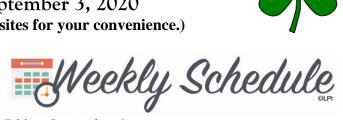


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Prayer Net: Trish Lyons; Dennis Foster; Mary Ann DeLuca; Barry McDonald; Browning; Virginia Patricia Mitchell; Amanda Soutar: G. John D'Aurora: Patricia Burch; Knox Thomas; Michele Fletcher; Mary Lou Olszewski; Ryen Frost; Rachel, Sean & baby Duffy; Antoinette Warzinski; Tom Greenwood; Matt Hemp; Terry Early; Ted DeLaney; Jerry Beckley; Lou Ramsey; Antonietta Scire; Dean Batterman; Carol Leninger; Kathy Crawford; Jeanette Luke; Deborah Carol Melvin; Nicolette Kurtz; our parishioners in nursing homes and those who are homebound; those addicted to alcohol & drugs; the underemployed and unemployed; our military and their families; families affected by the coronavirus; those struggling financially because of this crisis; and first responders, medical personal and all government leaders. (For Prayer Net requests, Cher McCoy 540-570-2111 contact at chergrindlemccoy@gmail.com.)

Virtual Host Families Needed: St. Patrick's Campus Support Ministry is looking for families (couples, young families, senior parishioners, etc.) to welcome new Catholic students/cadets in September. Little efforts might include saying a rosary for your Rat(s), sending an encouraging card along with a small goody bag of pre-packaged snacks/candy. Be a source of light to a new student or two far from home. Even with the unusual circumstances surrounding the pandemic, we can help them feel like they are a vital part of our Parish. To volunteer, Mary Harlow please contact Stuart msharlow502@gmail.com, 540-460-7353, or Mona Hazera at rbhazera@gmail.com. Rewards are everlasting!

We are seeking volunteers with a technical background who can operate computer software linked to Facebook and YouTube and who can operate a simple camera system used in livestreaming Mass on Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. It is really not all that complicated and training will be provided. It will involve about 90 minutes of your time perhaps once a month. You can do this concurrent with your participation in the Mass.



Friday, September 4

11:45 AM Rosary with the Association of Marian Helpers

12:15 PM Mass

1:00 PM Adoration

1:00 PM Reconciliation

Saturday, September 5

11:00 AM Funeral (Private due to capacity limitations)

4:00 PM Reconciliation

4:15 PM Cantor Rehearsal

5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, September 6

7:15 AM Cantor Rehearsal

8:00 AM Mass

8:30 AM "Kindle My Fire" Radio Program on 96.7-3WZ

9:45 AM Cantor Rehearsal

10:00 AM Catholic Radio Program on 96.7-3WZ

10:30 AM Mass – First Communion

4:30 PM Reconciliation – Cadets and Collegians only

5:00 PM Mass - Cadets and Collegians only

Monday, September 7 - Labor Day

11:45 AM Rosary with the Association of Marian Helpers

12:15 PM Mass

Tuesday, September 8 - Preschool Begins

7:30 AM Mass

8:05 AM Rosary with the Association of Marian Helpers

10:30 AM Staff Meeting - Parish House

7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council - Church Hall

Wednesday, September 9

7:30 AM Mass

8:00 AM Adoration

8:05 AM Rosary with the Association of Marian Helpers

9:30 AM Women's Bible Study - Parish House

Thursday, September 10 - Fr. Joe's Day Off

Friday, September 11

11:45 AM Rosary with the Association of Marian Helpers

12:15 PM Mass

Saturday, September 12

4:00 PM Reconciliation

4:15 PM Cantor Rehearsal

5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, September 13

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8:00 AM Mass

8:30 AM "Kindle My Fire" Radio Program on 96.7-3WZ

9:45 AM Cantor Rehearsal

10:00 AM Catholic Radio Program on 96.7-3WZ

10:30 AM Mass – Youth Ministry

4:30 PM Reconciliation - Cadets and Collegians only

5:00 PM Mass w/Confirmation - Cadets & Collegians only







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<u>Scripture Readings</u> for this weekend: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20.

From the Director of Religious Education, Kathleen Nowacki-Correia:

"God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation." (2 Cor.5:19)

This Sunday's Gospel Acclamation, quoted above, serves as a summary of the lessons taught in our three Scripture passages. Each reading complements the other, focusing on responsibility to lovingly reconcile those, who have gone astray, and lead them back to Christ. Although we are all sinners, we are told in the Old Testament reading from the Prophet Ezekiel that we are also the watchmen, because we have been enlightened by God's Word. With great privilege comes great responsibility; if we allow others to remain in error, we will be held accountable. The Gospel from the Evangelist Matthew gives us Christ's outline for fraternal correction of those in error within the community and the Church, emphasizing the use of compassion by the surprising statement, "If he refuses to listen even to the Church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector." While some Biblical scholars believe that this refers to their eventual excommunication, others who study Matthew's Gospels point to the fact that these are the people, who Jesus seeks to bring into His fold; therefore, it is a reference to our divine task to reconcile them with Christ. The compassion, which is to guide us, is beautifully explained in this Sunday's Second Letter from St. Paul to the Romans, which proclaims "the one that loves another has fulfilled the Law." In this case, the word, "another," can be applied, not only to our neighbor, in communion with us and the Church, but to those regarded as outcasts, because of the wrong they have done, which has fractured their relationship with us and with Christ. These lessons can seem so clear, when reviewing Church and world history. But, can we see their relevance in our lives today and can we hear God's call to us, here and now? This Sunday's Psalm #95 urges us to "harden not our hearts, if, today, we hear God's voice." May we take heart in the familiar final lines from Christ in this Sunday's Gospel, which encourage us to unite ourselves with Him, the all-powerful Lord, as we accept the call to be messengers of charity and reconciliation, "for, where two or three are gathered in My Name, there am I in the midst of them." With God, all things are possible! ~K.N-C.

Liturgy Notes by Justin Soutar:

On this Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, our Scripture readings highlight the importance of fraternal correction. The Lord informs the prophet Ezekiel of his grave responsibility to warn the wicked of the consequences of their unrepented sins. Love of neighbor is the fulfillment of the law, says Saint Paul to the Romans. And in the Gospel, Jesus gives his disciples instructions for fraternal correction within the Christian community and declares that he is present wherever the faithful are gathered in his name.

"Actually, before God we are all sinners and in need of forgiveness. All of us. Indeed, Jesus told us not to judge. Fraternal correction is a mark of the love and communion which must reign in the Christian community; it is, rather, a mutual service that we can and must render to one another. To reprove a brother is a service, and it is possible and effective only if each one recognizes oneself to be a sinner and in need of the Lord's forgiveness. The same awareness that enables me to recognize the fault of another, even before that, reminds me that I have likewise made mistakes and I am often wrong" (Pope Francis, Angelus, 9/7/14). May we keep our own weakness and failings in mind whenever we have to correct a fellow believer.

*** A Musical Note: We are greatly in need of cantors under age 65 to sing at our weekend Masses. If you would like to serve as a cantor, please email Justin Soutar at music@stpatrickslexington.com.

*** Liturgical Note: 1) Thanks to Vickie Rappold and Jacky Foster for volunteering as lectors for weekend Masses. 2) We need someone to clean and maintain our church baptismal font. Please contact Justin Soutar if interested. ***





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Parish Finances:

Collection for 8/30/2020	\$	3,138
Weekly Budgeted Need	\$	7,461
Operating Income YTD	\$	51,890
Budgeted Operating Income YTD	\$	67,149
Under YTD Budgeted Income	\$ (-15,259)

Giving Options: Thank you for your continued financial stewardship during this difficult time. For your convenience, please consider giving online at <u>offertory.richmonddiocese.org</u> or through our direct debit program at <u>Direct Debit</u>. Alternatively, you can mail checks (no cash please) to P.O. Box 725, Lexington, VA 24450.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention: For the planet's resources, that they will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Adoration: Beginning Wednesday, September 9, we will resume our weekly adoration on Wednesdays from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. You are welcome to join us at any time that is convenient for you, but we especially need coverage from 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-1:30 p.m. if you are



interested in those slots. Also, please bring a pen or pencil to sign-in so that we do not have multiple people using the same implement. We need everybody who comes to sign- in so that we know who has been in adoration on any given day.

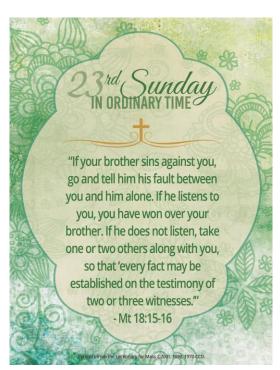
First Communion will be celebrated at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass this weekend. The entire nave, or main body, of the church will be filled with socially-distanced, reserved seating for our First Communicant children and their families. Other seating will be assigned by ushers in the loft, the hall, and behind the reredos screen in the Eucharistic Chapel. But there will be no available seating except for the Communion families in the main body of the church for that Mass.

The RARA Item of the Month is cooking oil. The basket for non-perishable food donations is in the narthex.

Welcome back to Mass! We are very fortunate to return to our regular schedule of Masses at St. Patrick. Even in normal times, four Masses per weekend is a lot for a parish of this size. However, another Mass requires additional volunteers! While students fill the Liturgical Ministry roles at the Sunday 5 p.m. Mass, we need parishioners to step up and help at the 8 a.m. Sunday Mass. Many of our regular Liturgical Ministers are not available to help at this time. Perhaps now is the time for you to step out of your comfort zone and step forward to volunteer your services! We especially need ushers and crucifers for the 8 a.m. Mass. Training is provided, and if we can get enough people to volunteer, you might serve only twice per month. Please prayerfully consider which of these positions would help you to help us serve God. To volunteer, call Cindy Bither or Justin Soutar at 463-3533.

Thank you for your donated items, however, we are halting acceptance of book and holy items for the time being. Unbroken rosaries in good condition are always welcomed.

Please continue to check the parish website at <u>stpatrickslexington.com</u> for updates.







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Hymns for this weekend's Masses:

Entrance Chant: We Gather Together #762 Offertory Chant: In Perfect Charity #721

Communion Chant (10:30 AM only): O Sacrament Most Holy #838

Communion Chant: Soul of My Savior #839

Hymn of Praise: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light #632 Recessional Hymn: Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory #752

WE GATHER TOGETHER



Text: 12 11 12 11; Wilt heden nu treden; tr. by Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, alt. Music: Neder-landtsch Gedenckclanck, 1626.



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IN PERFECT CHARITY



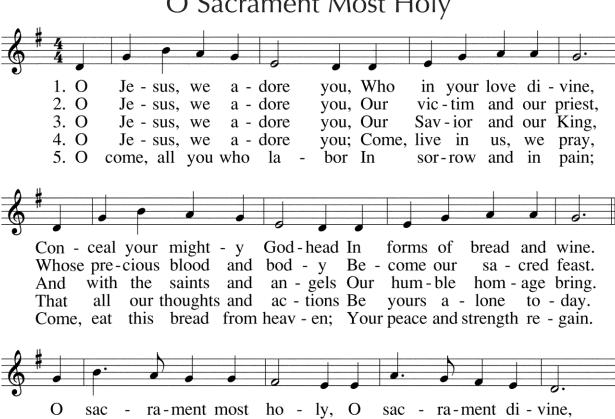
Text: Irregular; verse 1 based on a prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, 1182–1226; verses 2–3, Randall DeBruyn. Music: PERFECT CHARITY. Text and music © 1982, Randall DeBruyn. Published by OCP. All rights reserved.



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O Sacrament Most Holy



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Text: Irvin Udulutsch; refrain from the Raccolta

Tune: FULDA MELODY, 7 6 7 6 with refrain; Fulda Gesangbuch; arr. by Charles G. Frischmann

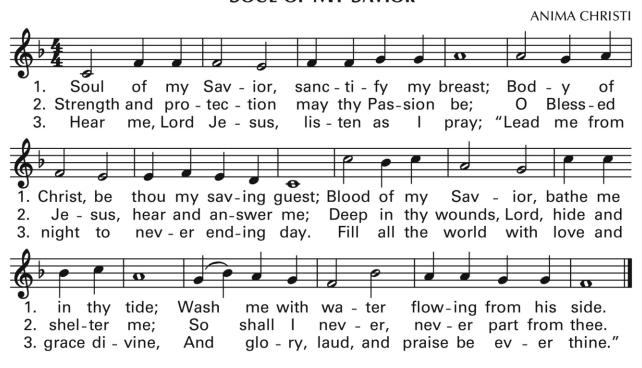
All praise and all thanks-giv -



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SOUL OF MY SAVIOR



Text: 10 10 10 10; verses 1–2 attr. to Pope John XXII, 1249–1334; tr. by Edward Caswall, 1814–1878, alt.; verse 3, composite, based on *God of Our Fathers*; Daniel C. Roberts, 1841–1907.

Music: William J. Maher, SJ, 1823–1877, alt.





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Text: Ephesians 5:8-10, Revelation 21:23, John 12:46, 1 John 1:5, Hebrews 12:1; Kathleen Thomerson, b.1934, © 1970, 1975, Celebration Tune: HOUSTON, 10 7 10 8 9 9 10 7; Kathleen Thomerson, b.1934, © 1970, 1975, Celebration; acc. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942





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MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY



Text: 15 15 15 6 with refrain; Julia W. Howe, 1819–1910, alt. Music: Trad. American melody; attr. to William Steffe, ca. 1830–1911.